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SUBJECT: CSCE: SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY SECURITY (CBM'S);
EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS

REF: GENEVA 1799

1. SUBCOMMITTEE DECIDED AT ITS MARCH 20 MEETING TO
REGISTER PROVISIONALLY THE FOLLOWING TEXT CONCERNING
EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS: BEGIN TEXT.

A. THE PARTICIPATING STATES (NATURE OF COMMITMENT)
INVITE (OPEN BRACKETS) AS A SIGN OF GOODWILL ON A
VOLUNTARY BASIS (CLOSE BRACKETS) ON A BILATERAL BASIS
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(OPEN BRACKETS) AS FAR AHEAD AS IS CONVENIENTLY

POSSIBLE (CLOSE BRACKETS) (OPEN BRACKETS) IN A
GENERALLY RECIPROCAL AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY MANNER/
WITH DUE REGARD TO RECIPROCITY/IN A SPIRIT OF RECIPROC-
ITY (CLOSE BRACKETS) (OPEN BRACKETS) EACH OTHER/OTHER
PARTICIPATING STATES (CLOSE BRACKETS) TO SEND
OBSERVERS TO ATTEND (OPEN BRACKETS) AS MANY AS POSSIBLE
(CLOSE BRACKETS) OF THE (OPEN BRACKETS) MILITARY
MANEUVERS INCLUDING MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS/MAJOR
MILITARY MANEUVERS (CLOSE BRACKETS) THAT THEY MAY HOLD
(OPEN BRACKETS) OR HOST (CLOSE BRACKETS) (OPEN BRACKETS)
IN EUROPE/ON THEIR TERRITORY OR IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS
AND INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE IN THE REGIONS ADJACENT TO
EUROPE INCLUDING THE MEDITERRANEAN (CLOSE BRACKETS).

B. THE INVITING STATE (NATURE OF COMMITMENT)
(OPEN BRACKETS) AT ITS OWN DISCRETION (CLOSE BRACKETS)
(OPEN BRACKETS) DETERMINE/INDICATE (CLOSE BRACKETS)
IN EACH CASE THE NUMBER OF OBSERVERS, THE PROCEDURES
AND CONDITIONS OF THEIR PARTICIPATION AT A MANEUVER
(OPEN BRACKETS) AND GIVE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THEIR ARRIVAL AND
ALSO SEND A PROGRAMME CONTAINING OTHER INFORMATION
WHICH MAY BE USEFUL TO THE OBSERVERS IN THEIR PREPARA-
TION AND THE CARRYING OUT OF THEIR TASK (CLOSE
BRACKETS) (OPEN BRACKETS) RENDERING ADEQUATE HOSPITALITY/
APPROPRIATE FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED (CLOSE BRACKETS).
END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: THE ABOVE TEXT, WHICH LEAVES EVEN RELA-
TIVELY MINOR DIFFERENCES UNRESOLVED, WAS REGISTERED
PROVISIONALLY AFTER TWO DAYS OF CONTENTIOUS DISCUSSION.
FIVE HOURS WERE SPENT DEBATING WHETHER TO REGISTER
WITHIN BRACKETS THE SOVIET PROPOSAL LIMITING OBSERVER
EXCHANGES TO "MAJOR" MILITARY MANEUVERS (REFTEL).
IN THE END, THE NATO ALLIES AGREED TO REGISTER
THE SOVIET FORMULATION BUT INSISTED ON ALSO REGISTERING
EVERY ELEMENT OF THE UK PROPOSAL ON OBSERVERS. THE
SOVIETS, IN TURN BRACKETED ALL THE IMPORTANT PROVISIONS
OF THE UK FORMULATION AND PUT FORWARD ALTERNATIVES OF
THEIR OWN WHICH THE ALLIES THEN BRACKETED. SEVERAL
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NEUTRAL AND ALLIED DELEGATES DEPLORED THE GROTESQUE
APPEARANCE OF THE TEXT THAT RESULTED BUT ACQUIESCED
IN ITS PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION.DALE

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